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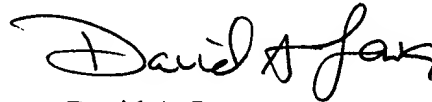
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ELECTION

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003 and the restriction requirement therein, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 15-74 in the present application. As set forth in the Office Action, this election is to prosecute Group II. Accordingly, please cancel claims 1-14 and 75-76 of nonelected Groups I and III, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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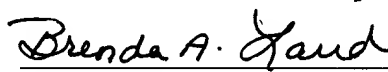
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